

of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998" (Public Law 105-65; H.R. 2158). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 1, 1997.

MEASAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12 noon, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 923. An act to deny veterans' benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2367. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2367. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 538. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-131).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. FORD):

S. 1358. A bill to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. Res. 142. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of any future unified budget surpluses; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 364

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 364, a bill to provide legal standards and procedures for suppliers of raw materials and component parts for medical devices.

S. 943

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation accidents.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to provide for equal protection of the law and to prohibit discrimination and preferential treatment on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in Federal actions, and for other purposes.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to establish a Federal cause of action for discrimination and preferential treatment in Federal actions on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex, and for other purposes.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 977, a bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and related laws to strengthen the protection of native biodiversity and ban clearcutting on Federal lands, and to designate certain Federal lands as Ancient Forests, Roadless Areas, Watershed Protection Areas, Special Areas, and Federal Boundary Areas where logging and other intrusive activities are prohibited.

S. 1220

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1220, a bill to pro-

vide a process for declassifying on an expedited basis certain documents relating to human rights abuses in Guatemala and Honduras.

S. 1286

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1286, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain amounts received as scholarships by an individual under the National Health Corps Scholarship Program.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to provide for the health, education, and welfare of children under 6 years of age.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 52, a concurrent resolution relating to maintaining the current standard behind the "Made in USA" label, in order to protect consumers and jobs in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 142—REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF ANY FUTURE UNIFIED BUDGET SURPLUSES

Mr. MOYNIHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 142

Whereas the current economic expansion is now in its seventh year and shows no signs of ending;

Whereas the unemployment rate is below 5 percent for the first time in 24 years;

Whereas the current official inflation rate, which may be overstated, is about 2 percent;

Whereas the deficit has been reduced from \$290,000,000,000 in fiscal year 1992 to \$23,000,000,000 in fiscal year 1997, or just three-tenths of 1 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office projects that, under present law, the unified budget will have a surplus of \$86,000,000,000 in 2007;

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office also projects that, under present law, the debt held by the public will fall from about 50 percent of GDP this year to about 30 percent by 2007;

Whereas this extraordinary combination of good budget and economic news is largely